

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on March 12, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Don Ryan, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only.  
They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 515, HB 761, 3/6/2007  
Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Chairman Ryan opening comments

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**HEARING ON HB 761**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:52 **REP. JULIE FRENCH (D), HD 36**, opened the hearing on **HB 761**, Creditable retirement service for deployed teachers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:49 Eric Feaver, MEA/MFT

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:06:56 Tammy Rau, Deputy Director, Teachers' Retirement System

**Informational Testimony:**

00:09:04 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:15 Sen. Story to Eric Feaver

00:11:39 Sen. Story to Tammy Rau

00:13:23 Sen. Juneau to Rep. French

00:15:27 Sen. Juneau to Eric Feaver

00:16:48 Sen. Juneau to Rep. French

00:18:16 Sen. Hawks to Tammy Rau

00:19:19 Chairman Ryan to Tammy Rau

00:20:48 Sen. Story to Tammy Rau

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:24:08 Rep. French

**HEARING ON HB 515**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:18 **REP. BILL GLASER (R), HD 44**, opened the hearing on **HB 515**, Funding for distance learning and related technologies.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:30:08 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

00:37:05 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards' Association

00:37:14 Sen. Ryan left

00:41:31 Pete Carparelli, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition

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00:43:13 Larry Neilsen, MEA/MFT

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:45:11 None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:45:16 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:45:21 Sen. Juneau to Dave Puyear

00:45:52 Sen. Juneau to Lance Melton

00:52:19 Sen. Hawks to Lance Melton

00:56:29 Sen. Story to Lance Melton

01:02:52 Vice-Chairman Kitzenberg to Lance Melton

01:03:43 Sen. McGee to Lance Melton

01:08:26 Sen. McGee to Dave Puyear

01:13:26 Sen. Story to Lance Melton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:15:21 Rep. Glaser

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

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SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

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MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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